

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 35

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Raul L. Regalado on the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Raul L. Regalado is one such estimable person who has served with distinction since April 2001 as the President and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority and has recently taken his much deserved retirement from that esteemed position; and

WHEREAS, a forty-year veteran of the civil aviation industry, Raul Regalado is a Certified Airport Executive (CAE) who holds an aviation management degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and has completed graduate level course work at the USDA Graduate School in addition to earning a certificate from Vanderbilt University's Owen School of Management Leadership Development Course; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority Mr. Regalado directed the overall planning, development, and operation of Nashville International and John C. Tune airports with acumen and alacrity, winning the trust and respect of the greater Nashville community as well as countless scores of visitors to the Music City; and

WHEREAS, Raul Regalado began his career in airport management in 1972, serving as the Airport Manager for Klamath Falls Municipal Airport in Oregon. His extensive career includes tenures as Airports Manager for the City of Fresno, Airports Manager for John Wayne Orange County Airport, and Director of Aviation for the San Jose International Airport; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Nashville Airport Authority, Mr. Regalado served as the Deputy Director of Aviation for the City of Houston with responsibilities for George Bush

Intercontinental-Houston Airport, William P. Hobby Airport, Ellington Field, and the Houston Central Business District Heliport; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and admired member of his profession, Raul Regalado is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Airports Council International – North America, the Industry Advisory Board for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Worldwide Campus, and the U.S. Secretary of Transportation's Future of Aviation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regalado has co-authored two management publications, *Managing Airports in Transition* and *Airport as Employer*, as well as a series of articles on automobile parking systems; and

WHEREAS, a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve who completed two combat tours in Southeast Asia, Mr. Regalado served twenty-nine years in various active duty, Reserve, and National Guard Senior leadership positions, receiving a number of awards and decorations for his exemplary service including the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal for Valor, forty-nine Air Medals for combat flights, and three Army Commendation Medals; and

WHEREAS, a certified pilot and private plane owner, Raul Regalado holds instrument and commercial pilot certification for single and multi-engine airplanes, helicopters, seaplanes, and gliders, having logged over 4,000 hours of flight time; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Regalado is a member of the United Way Board of Trustees for Middle Tennessee, the Aerospace Advisory Council for Middle Tennessee State University, the Regional Advisory Board for HOPE International, and the planning committee for the Brainseed Commissioner's Academy, and is a past Board Chairman of the Nashville Area Chapter of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Downtown Nashville Rotary Club, Raul Regalado was recently selected as the Kiwanis Club of Nashville's Outstanding Nashvillian of the Year for 2012; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Raul Regalado has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and clients; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Raul L. Regalado our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.